

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

October 14, 1998
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman	Mesa: Jeff Martin for Charles Luster
Avondale: Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma	Paradise Valley: Tom Martinsen
*Buckeye: Delbert Self	Peoria: Meredith Flinn for Terry Ellis
Carefree: Jon Pearson	Queen Creek: Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer
*Cave Creek: Kerry Dudek	*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community:
Chandler: Lloyd Harrell	David Easchief
El Mirage: Leonard Rivera for Rosalinda Herrera	Scottsdale: Jeff Kulaga for Dick Bowers
Fountain Hills: Jeffrey Valder for Paul Nordin	Surprise: Mike Branham for Dick McComb
Gila Bend: Carl Stephani	Tempe: Gary Brown
*Gila River Indian Community: Urban Giff	Tolleson: Ralph Velez
Gilbert: Tami Ryall for Kent Cooper	Wickenburg: Fred Carpenter
Glendale: Martin Vanacour	Youngtown: Lloyce Robinson
Goodyear: Doug Sanders for Stephen Cleveland	ADOT: Mary Peters
Guadalupe: Luis Gonzales	Maricopa County: Tom Buick for David Smith
Litchfield Park: Robert Musselwhite	RPTA: Ken Driggs

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG	Terry Johnson, MAG
Heather Baker, Senate Research	Carol Kratz, MAG
James M. Bourey, MAG	Patrice Kraus, Chandler
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale	Chris Plumb, MCDOT
William "Blue" Crowley, Citizen	Victor Riches, Senate
Valerie Day, MAG	Dennis Smith, MAG
Gabriel Dluzansky, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Kelly Taft, MAG
John Farry, MAG	Gordon Tyus, MAG
Jim Huling, Tempe	Paul Ward, MAG
	Shauna Warner, Tempe

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, at 12:10 p.m.

Chairman Fairbanks introduced the new Town Manager for Wickenburg, Fred Carpenter. Chairman Fairbanks introduced proxies Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma from Avondale, Leonard Rivera for

Rosalinda Herrera from El Mirage, Jeffrey Valder for Paul Nordin from Fountain Hills, Tami Ryall for Kent Cooper from Gilbert, Doug Sanders for Stephen Cleveland from Goodyear, Tom Buick for David Smith from Maricopa County, Jeff Martin for Charles Luster from Mesa, Meredith Flinn for Terry Ellis from Peoria, Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer from Queen Creek, Jeff Kulaga for Dick Bowers from Scottsdale, and Mike Branham for Richard McComb from Surprise.

2. Approval of the September 9, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Fairbanks announced that a change in the minutes for the Call to the Audience public comment from the September 9, 1998 meeting has been made and a corrected copy is at each place.

Mike Branham moved, Lloyd Harrell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 9, 1998 Management Committee meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Fairbanks noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Chairman Fairbanks stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who said let the record show that the public is not allowed to comment on two agenda items since they are agenda items for discussion. Mr. Crowley stated that at the last Valley Vision 2025 meeting he was not allowed to sit with the subcommittee. He commented that, by resolution, he is a part of the subcommittee. He said that this is for the public and the public should be allowed to participate. Mr. Crowley stated that his questions on the Final Phase Opportunity Report were not answered. He said his documentation was not handled as the documentation of others was handled. He stated he had not received his letter from Mr. Bourey.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that he attended the Executive Directors Committee Annual Conference, a meeting of COG Directors in Tucson. He said one of the highlights of the conference was a three hour session sharing excellent discussion with other Executive Directors. Mr. Bourey stated that a lot of interest was shown in the MAG Annual Budget and UPWP and he received many requests for copies of it. There was also great interest in the MAG Urban Atlas.

Mr. Bourey attended the Census Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, DC. He said there was much intense discussion on census events in other cities, the boundary survey work, and the address lists. Mr. Bourey stated that he sent a letter to the Census Advisory Committee outlining our regional concerns. He said the committee will reply with a formal response and he would update the Management Committee when the response is received.

Mr. Bourey stated that a Freight Forum was held on October 6, 1998 at the Arizona Biltmore. He commented that the Forum was a success with a great deal of lively discussion and input. Mr. Bourey noted that over 125 people, including several State Legislators, attended.

Mr. Bourey stated that at the last Management Committee meeting, Chairman Fairbanks announced formation of an incarceration committee for municipal prisoners. Mr. Bourey commented that we have received an excellent response. He remarked that the structure would be formed of a Committee and a support group. Mr. Bourey informed the Committee that an article on the privatization of prisons is at each place for information.

Mr. Bourey announced that a Demo Train is in the planning stages for the Phoenix to Tucson route. He noted that Amtrak and the American Rail Passenger Association are sponsoring this train, which will demonstrate the latest in train technology. ADOT is very interested in the concept. Mary Peters commented that Union Pacific does not want to use their rail for the Demo Train. She stated Senator McCain will be meeting with Union Pacific officials this week and she has contacted his office to add this item to the agenda. Ms. Peters stated that any documents to assist in obtaining use of the Union Pacific track for four hours would be appreciated.

Lloyce Robinson asked if the Demo Train would be making scheduled stops. Ms. Peters noted that it is anticipated that the Train would stop in Wickenburg, the west Valley, central Phoenix, Coolidge, and Tucson. She remarked that the Demo Train is still in the planning stages.

Mr. Bourey informed the Committee that October is Domestic Violence Safety Month. He said staff has been working on a requested domestic violence plan. Mr. Bourey noted that a flyer to help individuals escape from harmful situations is being developed for distribution throughout the region. Mr. Bourey stated he is very pleased with their efforts and the flyer distribution would be publicized in the media.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Jeff Martin moved, Lloyce Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of agenda items #6 and #7.

6. Update on the MAG Regional Plan on Domestic Violence

In May, the Regional Council approved the development of a regional plan on domestic violence. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee formed a subcommittee which has met throughout the summer on this issue. A proposed structure for the regional plan has been developed and working groups will begin to meet during October. Members of the Management Committee are requested to identify staff or community members who may wish to participate on the working groups. On a related issue, the month of October has been designated as Domestic Violence Prevention Month. MAG has developed a domestic violence safety plan which will be printed as our contribution to this month's activities. In addition to these activities, during the subcommittee process, a number of the MAG members drafted and submitted a resolution to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. This resolution supports legislative activities related to domestic violence.

7. Approval of Draft July 1, 1998 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the July 1, 1998 Maricopa County Resident Population Update provided that it is within one percent of the initial update of 2,806,100. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has prepared a Draft July 1, 1998 Resident Population Update for the State of Arizona and the counties within Arizona. DES derived a resident population of 4,764,025 for the State of Arizona and 2,806,100 for Maricopa County. For Maricopa County this represents an increase of 85,525 people in the last year, or 3.1 percent. The Resident Population Update was transmitted to members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) and to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the POPTAC. On October 1, 1998, the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended approval of the July 1, 1998 Maricopa County Resident Population Update. This approval is contingent upon the action by the State POPTAC on October 30, 1998 being within one percent of the initial draft update.

8. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that recently, the Valley Vision 2025 Committee broke down into nine thematic subcommittees of 8 to 15 members each. Mr. Bourey commented that the collaboratives will soon be meeting again. He remarked that it is essential that these collaborative groups develop outreach plans. Mr. Bourey stated that a draft vision would be completed by the end of next year. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

9. Update on MAG Transportation Funding and Programming Process

Mr. Bourey stated that a significant amount of material needs to be covered in the meeting today.

Mr. Bourey stated that he would be updating the Committee on the background and MAG's new approach to the MAG Transportation Funding and Programming Process. He said Eric Anderson would update the Committee on the Funding situation and Terry Johnson would describe the Program Development Process.

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG has been responsible for prioritizing the MAG freeway system. He said that in the past, ADOT suggested projects other than those in the freeway system, and MAG had not been totally involved in setting priorities for those decisions made. Mr. Bourey commented that federal law necessitates a different approach to allocating money and selecting projects. New projects will be cooperatively decided among MAG, ADOT, RPTA, and stakeholders.

Mr. Bourey stated that a fundamental change will be implemented in the process for allocating available state and federal money for transportation. He said that under this conceptual agreement, ADOT and MAG will work cooperatively along with the other regions in the state to develop an allocation of transportation funding. Mr. Bourey said ADOT, MAG and the other regions in Arizona will develop system criteria on a statewide basis. The criteria would include such considerations as traffic congestion, air quality, growth, maintenance, and vehicle miles traveled. Mr. Bourey noted that funding estimates would be determined in five-year increments for a total of 20 years planning. He said MAG and the other regions in Arizona would be responsible for establishing a stakeholder process for transportation solutions. He said ADOT and RPTA would be major stakeholders in the process. Mr. Bourey remarked that MAG and ADOT will be held jointly accountable for

implementing the projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program and the ADOT five-year program, to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget.

Mr. Bourey stated that the indicators of need were weighted to reflect statewide need. He noted that these draft factors of need MAG has suggested to ADOT and MPOs are mobility, economic support, growth, air quality, safety, and operations and maintenance. Mr. Bourey stated that a meeting will be held with ADOT Thursday morning to discuss these issues and the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee Thursday afternoon.

Eric Anderson gave a presentation on the Funding Overview. Mr. Anderson stated that \$285 million in net new federal funds are available for FY 2000-2003. Mr. Anderson stated that under the fair share analysis, dollar for dollar return, Maricopa County should receive 35.8 percent in allocation of all ADOT discretionary funds. He said that presently, Maricopa County receives 10.5 percent based on ADOT's 1999-2003 program. Mr. Anderson stated that \$505 million not programmed will be available for the fifth year addition to the program. He noted that \$656 million in funds are available for adopted programs, which are not allocated to specific projects. Mr. Anderson stated that the total of these available funds is \$1.4 billion, of which some funding amounts have not been programmed, but are still targeted for specific areas, such as \$11.7 million for the State Infrastructure Bank, \$11 million for Risk Management, and \$69 million for spot improvements. Mr. Anderson stated that if the draft criteria is applied, our share would be 51 percent to 53 percent and would bring the overall total to 33 percent. He commented that we are getting closer to our fair share determination.

Terry Johnson presented the Program Development Process. He said that first, regional funding availability is identified, second, the stakeholder groups and community outreach are involved and then guidelines are determined by the Regional Council. The project requests are then received, evaluated and selected, and finally, the program is approved.

Mr. Johnson noted the current planned potential project areas are new freeway acceleration, HOV lanes, existing freeway widening, street improvements, transit needs, bicycle and pedestrian considerations, and demand management. He stated the other potential project areas are Grand Avenue, Estrella Freeway, SR 85, Superstition general use lanes, ITS projects, park-and-ride lots, Welfare-to-Work needs, air quality projects, and safety projects. Mr. Johnson commented that a pre-proposal conference was held on October 14th for the Grand Avenue project. He stated that \$25 million is currently programmed for SR 85 between Gila Bend and Buckeye.

Mr. Bourey stated that Mr. Anderson had performed a cash flow analysis. According to Mr. Anderson's analysis, if we had an additional \$300 million, we could complete the freeway system in 2007, instead of 2014. Mr. Bourey stated that is a very aggressive timeline to accelerate freeway completion and it may be difficult for ADOT to complete any sooner. He commented that if the aforementioned \$1.4 billion funding amount is available, we would be able to accelerate many projects.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

Jeff Martin asked Mary Peters if the entire \$1.4 billion is available, since he had heard that part of this total is already spoken for. Ms. Peters stated that is speculation and the \$1.4 billion is ADOT's best estimate. Ms. Peters remarked that no other decisions have been made to allocate any of this amount, for none of the lump sum categories been broken down. Mr. Martin asked if \$790 million would be a reasonable expectation of the final amount available. Ms. Peters replied that ADOT has been

working with COGs and MPOs to decide allocations and that she could not commit to a definite amount. Mr. Martin stated he was not asking for a commitment to a specific amount, but only a reasonable expectation of the amount that would be available. Ms. Peters responded that the \$1.4 billion is a real figure and this money is available. She commented that the State Transportation Board is ultimately responsible for allocating funds and can move amounts out of lump sum categories to other categories.

Bob Musselwhite stated that land use planning and transportation planning needs to be coordinated. Mr. Musselwhite commented that Luke Air Force Base is a billion dollar a year employer in his community. He said that increased road and home building is encroaching on the security of the Base and we need to preserve both the Base and the highway plan.

Mr. Bourey commented that it is vital to consider land use development. The stakeholder process is vital in this matter. He stated that MAG is very cognizant of the city's concerns with Luke Air Force Base.

Chairman Fairbanks asked the time frame for process decisions. Mr. Bourey replied that would occur as soon as possible. He explained that the process is a very complex series of issues. Mr. Bourey stated the decisions will be made over the next several weeks before the final TIP is completed. He commented that agencies can accelerate projects using their own money.

Mr. Martin referred to the comparison of ADOT forecasts. He expressed concern over the overprogramming. Ms. Peters stated that ADOT staff would meet with him on this. She said over programming was followed to convert from strict obligation to modified cash flow basis, a commonly used cash management technique. Ms. Peters stated that not all projects are completed because issues can come up that delay projects. She commented that contingency projects can take the place of a project that is delayed. Mr. Martin commented that he needed to understand the shortfalls of \$98 million and \$160 million in the first two years of the five year plan. Ms. Peters replied that she would not term them shortfalls. She suggested that Mr. Martin meet with ADOT staff for an explanation. Chairman Fairbanks stated that since the detail could not be resolved at this time, it would be a good idea for Mr. Martin to meet with ADOT staff.

Mike Branham asked if existing projects are accelerated, will we need to wait for funding for the new projects to become available. Mr. Bourey replied there is potential significant funding available for all projects. Mr. Branham asked if these would run concurrently. Mr. Bourey replied that they could.

Chairman Fairbanks commented that we need a strategic view over a ten to twenty year span, not just a five-year plan. He remarked that this needs to be done as a region and all will win.

Ms. Peters commented that important aspects were brought up today. Many competing factors need to be considered. She remarked that we need foresight, since what we do affects the State for a long time to come. Ms. Peters noted that long range transportation needs are our responsibility. She stated that multi-modal options must be considered. She stated that she is committed to working with trust and cooperation.

Mr. Musselwhite complimented Harry Wolfe on the fine work done on the MAG Urban Atlas. He also complimented Ms. Peters on the outstanding artwork on the Squaw Peak Freeway.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any comments. He expressed appreciation for change and the consensus-building approach. Change is needed. He also expressed appreciation for the support by MAG and ADOT. He commented that it is appropriate to press for change in communities. He remarked that we can succeed

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any further discussion. Hearing no discussion, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary